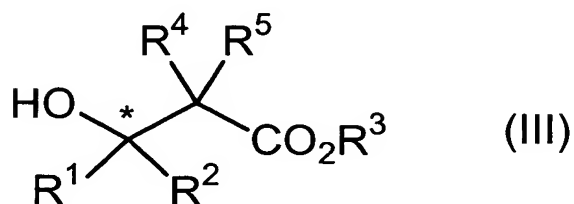


ABSTRACT

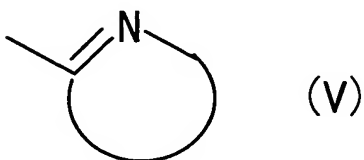
The present invention provides a method for producing an optically active β -hydroxy ester compound represented by the
 5 general formula:



wherein

R^1 represents an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group and the like,

10 R^2 represents a nitrogen-containing heterocyclic group different from R^1 , which is represented by the general formula:

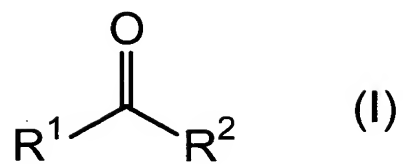


wherein the ring may be substituted and the like,

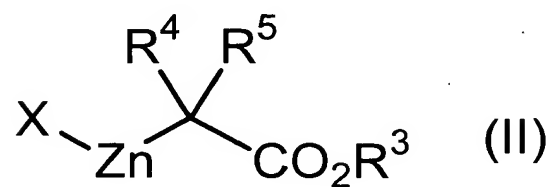
R^3 represents an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group
 15 and the like,

R^4 and R^5 represent, the same or different, a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom and the like,

the symbol "*" represents an optically active center, which comprises reacting in the presence of a cinchona alkaloid and the
 20 like a compound represented by the general formula:



wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined above with a compound represented by the general formula:



5 wherein R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined above, and X is a halogen atom.